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TO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL ZAGREB NIACT IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 168197

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM HARTMAN - DELIVER 8:00 A.M.

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CASC, YO (TOTH, LASZLO)

SUBJECT: TOTH CASE

REF: BELGRADE 4422

1. AMBASSADOR BELOVSKI HAS ASKED TO SEE ME ON AN UNSPECIFIED SUBJECT AND A MEETING HAS BEEN SET FOR JULY 8 AT 10:45. IF HE DOES NOT RAISE THE TOTH CASE, I WILL SAY SOMETHING ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

2. WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT TOTH HAS BECOME DESPERATE IN HIS PRESENT PLIGHT. HE SEEMS DEPRESSED BY THE FACT THAT THERE IS NO ACTION BEING TAKEN TO RELEASE HIM. WE CONSIDER IT QUITE LIKELY THAT HE WILL TRY TO DRAW PUBLIC AND PRESS ATTENTION TO HIS SITUATION, FOR EXAMPLE, BY GOING ON A HUNGER STRIKE.

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3. I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT YOU STATED OFFICIALLY

ON JUNE 7 TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE THAT TOTH
WILL BE RELEASED "IN THESE DAYS." YOU SAID THAT THE YUGO-
SLAV FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD REACHED FINAL AGREEMENT IN APRIL
1976 TO RELEASE TOTH. I DO NOT HAVE TO REMIND YOU OF THE
NUMEROUS OCCASIONS ON WHICH AMERICAN AUTHORITIES HAVE RAISED
THE QUESTION OF THE DETENTION AND CONVICTION OF TOTH. THESE

REPRESENTATIONS BEGAN DURING SPEAKER ALBERT'S VISIT TO
YUGOSLAVIA AND HAVE CONTINUED EVER SINCE. THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT IS NOT ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE DELAY WHICH
HAS OCCURRED SINCE THE DECISION TAKEN LAST APRIL TO
RELEASE TOTH AND SINCE YOUR STATEMENT ON JUNE 7 THAT HE
WOULD BE RELEASED "IN THESE DAYS."

4. I DO NOT PLAN TO REFER TO THE EXISTENCE OF A LETTER
FROM TOTH. LET ME KNOW BY FLASH CABLE IF YOU HAVE ANY
SUGGESTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH MY MEETING.

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